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REMARKS

Claims 12-18 are pending. Claims 1-11 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 12-18 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over the patent to Abousabha et al in view of the patent to Terauchi and Van Nostrand's Scientific Encyclopedia. The applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn for the following reasons.

Claim 12 has been amended to include the following limitation, which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art combination of Abousabha et al Terauchi, and Van Nostrand's Scientific Encyclopedia:

"...the constraining member includes at first contact surface, at which the constraining member contacts an opposing surface first ring member, and the first ring member includes a second contact surface, at which the first ring member contacts an opposing surface of the second ring member, and radial compression reaction forces, which occur during operation of the pump, are received by the first and second contact surfaces. ..."

The swing support mechanism of the prior art combination, which is derived from the joints disclosed in Terauchi and Van Nostrand's Scientific Encyclopedia, fails to disclose or suggest the claimed first and second contact surfaces, which transmit compression reaction forces. Apparently, compressor reaction forces are carried only by the pins in the prior art combination.

Figure 3 illustrates the first and second contact surfaces. The first contact surface is the outwardly facing surface of the constraining member 116 that contacts a corresponding inwardly facing surface of the first ring member 115. The second contact surface is the outwardly facing


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surface of the first ring member 115 that contacts a corresponding inwardly facing surface of the second ring member 117. Thus new limitations added to claim 12 is fully supported by at least Figure 3 and does not involve new matter.

In view of the forgoing, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Please charge any unforeseen fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

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